SHOES FOR THE JOURNEY

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and he delighteth in his way.” PSALM 37:23

The “old folks” used to sit around telling stories of having one pair of shoes for school and one pair for church. They told of having to put cardboard in the bottoms to cover holes in them. Some even said that they would pass them from one child to the next. I can still hear the laughter in their voices as they shared stories of too tight or too big shoes. You see, back in the “good ole days” stores like DSW, Payless, and SRI did not exist, neither did our ancestors have the money to purchase shoes for every occasion. Children were taught to respect and take care of the little they had.

I can still hear my grandfather’s voice as he used to say, “If your hair ain’t right and your feet ain’t right then you ain’t right.” Have you ever looked at someone and admired the nice suit or dress that they had on, and when you looked down at their feet, your opinion of their appearance changed, (for the worse). Those dirty, scuffed up shoes spoiled the appearance!

What we wear on our “spiritual” feet is just as important. How we walk and how our steps are ordered will have an impact on us and those around us. We need to be very selective on what shoes we find ourselves wearing as a Christian.

Take time to complete the attached worksheets that describe different shoe types. Scriptural references have been provided.

(Hint: The scrambled answers follow the description)
What Kind of Shoe Fits You? / What Shoes Are You Wearing on Your Journey?

“What Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation: and uphold me with thy free spirit.”
Psalm 51:12

1. ________ Sometimes we need to just get ourselves energized and get excited about living the Christian life. Do you need a defibrillator to get you started? Itsfa

“For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.”
1 Corinthians 12:12

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”
James 1:22

2. ________ Sometimes we find ourselves not doing anything for Christ. We’ve either never gotten involved or we’ve burned ourselves out and just don’t participate in things like we used to. Are you using your talents for His glory? flrsaoe

“Therefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.”
1 Thessalonians 5:11

3. ________ Sometimes we find ourselves giving encouragement to others. A great pair of shoes to wear. Are you an encourager? pmpsu

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”
Proverbs 3:5-6

4. ________ Sometimes we want our problems to just go away and find ourselves running from our problems. Do you rely on God for strength to help you run this race? tntsien hseos

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“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”
Ephesians 4:32

5. ________ Sometimes we forget to be sensitive to others and find ourselves walking all over people and only doing things our way. Do you walk in a loving tenderhearted way? tsobo

“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;”
Colossians 3:23

6. ________ Sometimes we get complacent about thins and find ourselves just floating by. Our church attendance becomes inconsistent. Do you only do the minimum that God requires? rwdsea

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, And glorify your Father which is in heaven.”
Mathew 5:16

7. ________ Sometimes we put on and take off Christianity just for church, then take it off until the next time we go to church. If we aren’t living for Christ throughout the week, then we are not having the witness God intended us to have. Do people really know that you are a Christian? lspin

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with So great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
Hebrews 12:1-2
to do. We become satisfied with being a mediocre Christian. Could you be doing more for Christ? dslsnaa

“Let us not therefore judge one any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.”
Romans 14:13
8. ________ Sometimes we find ourselves getting too comfortable with our Christian life, and we begin to not do what we have the potential and ability to do. We become satisfied with being a mediocre Christian. Could you be doing more for Christ?  

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9. ________ Sometimes we find ourselves and causing others to lose their step and stumble. We can not live life any way we want to because others are watching us and we need to set a good example. Do you watch your step?  

“Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.”  
Matthew 16:24

“Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.”  
John 15:8

10. ________ Sometimes we find ourselves doing all that we can for God. We consistently follow Him, obey His word and do His will. Our walk bears much fruit. Are these your shoes?  

Summary

We will not always put on the right pair of shoes, and God is aware of that, but it should be our goal as Christian women to improve strive to consistently wear the kind of style that enhances your walk with the Lord. If we don’t, then our whole appearance will be affected.

Wear the right shoes!!